

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S

# SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

 GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

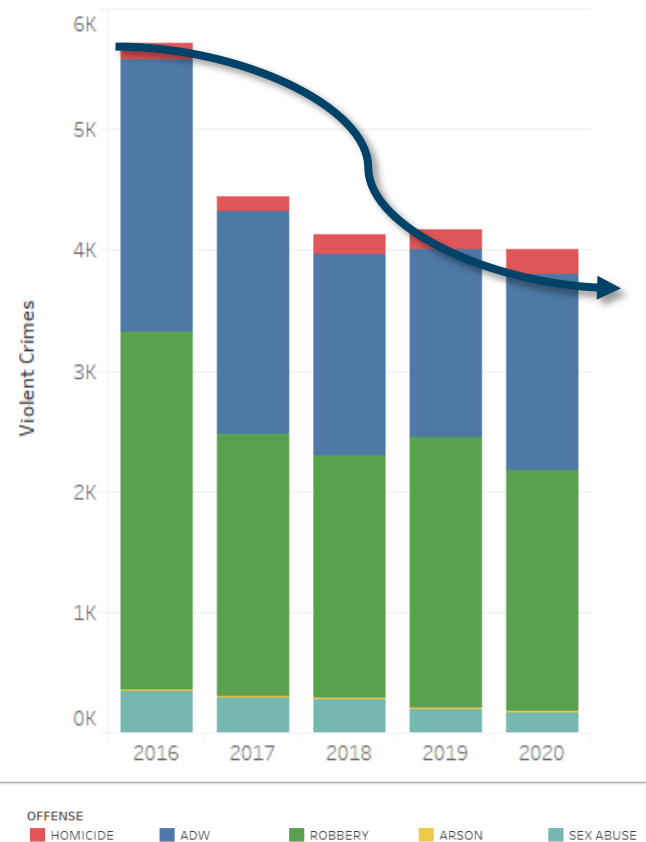
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people shot last year  
(33% increase)

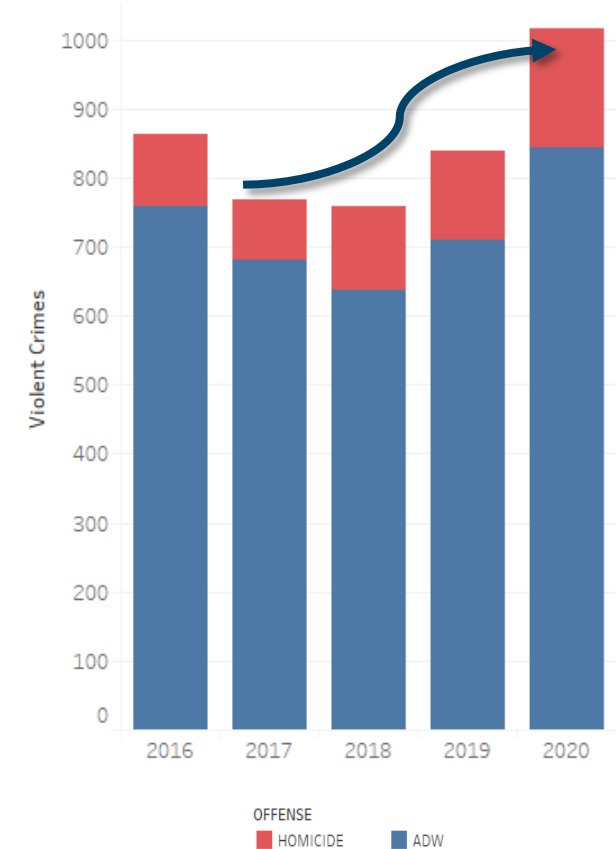
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homicides  
(19% increase)

Violent Crime Trends  
2016-2020

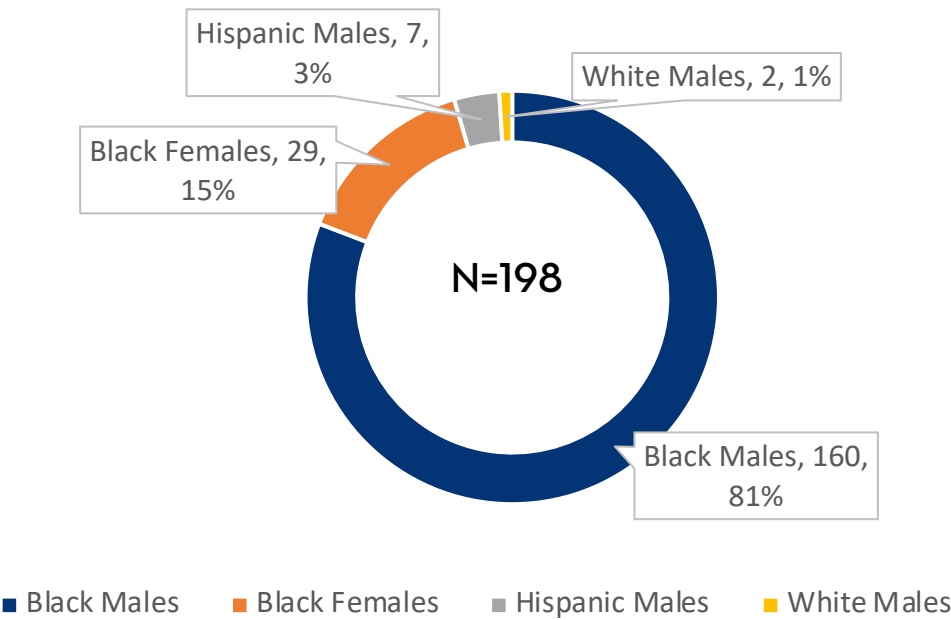


Gun Crimes  
2016-2020



95% of the homicide victims were Black

2020 Homicide Victims



A rise in juvenile and female victims in 2020.

Female Homicide Victims	2019	2020	% Change
Total	12	29	141.6%
% of Homicide Victims	7%	14.5%	

Juvenile Gunshot Victims	2019	2020	% Change
Fatal	10	9	-10%
Non-Fatal	72	86	19%
Total Juvenile Victims	82	95	15.8%

## A new Mayor's Order:

- Recognizes gun violence as a **public health crisis**.
- Establishes a **gun violence prevention emergency operations center** with 4 goals:
  - Focus on the people and places contributing the most to gun violence;
  - Mobilize whole of government to respond;
  - Creates clear protocols to deal with urgency of the situation; and
  - Coordinates the development of a long-term strategy to reduce gun violence.
- Allows the **EOC to be staffed with top personnel** from across District government agencies.
- Creates **expedited process** for agencies to respond to places that are epicenters of violence and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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## OUR APPROACH: PEOPLE AND PLACES

Intensive engagement of residents at the highest risk of involvement in gun violence or seriously violent behavior.

Intense focus on 151 most vulnerable neighborhoods, block by block.

We will engage **people most at-risk** of becoming a **victim or perpetrator** of gun violence and focus our initial efforts on working with individuals who:

- Have been repeatedly arrested for gun-related offenses
- Are under active supervision by CSOSA or DYRS
- Have been the victim of gun violence
- Have been directly impacted by gun violence

151 city blocks represent about 2% of all the blocks in the District, but comprise 41% of violent offenses with shots fired.

- Data driven analysis of every city block using 2020 gun-related crime reports
- Identified specific neighborhood blocks with sustained and persistent gun violence
- Goal is to zero in on those specific street segments where there's sustained gun violence, and the surrounding community, to address the drivers of violence

**Our analysis prioritized two metrics:**

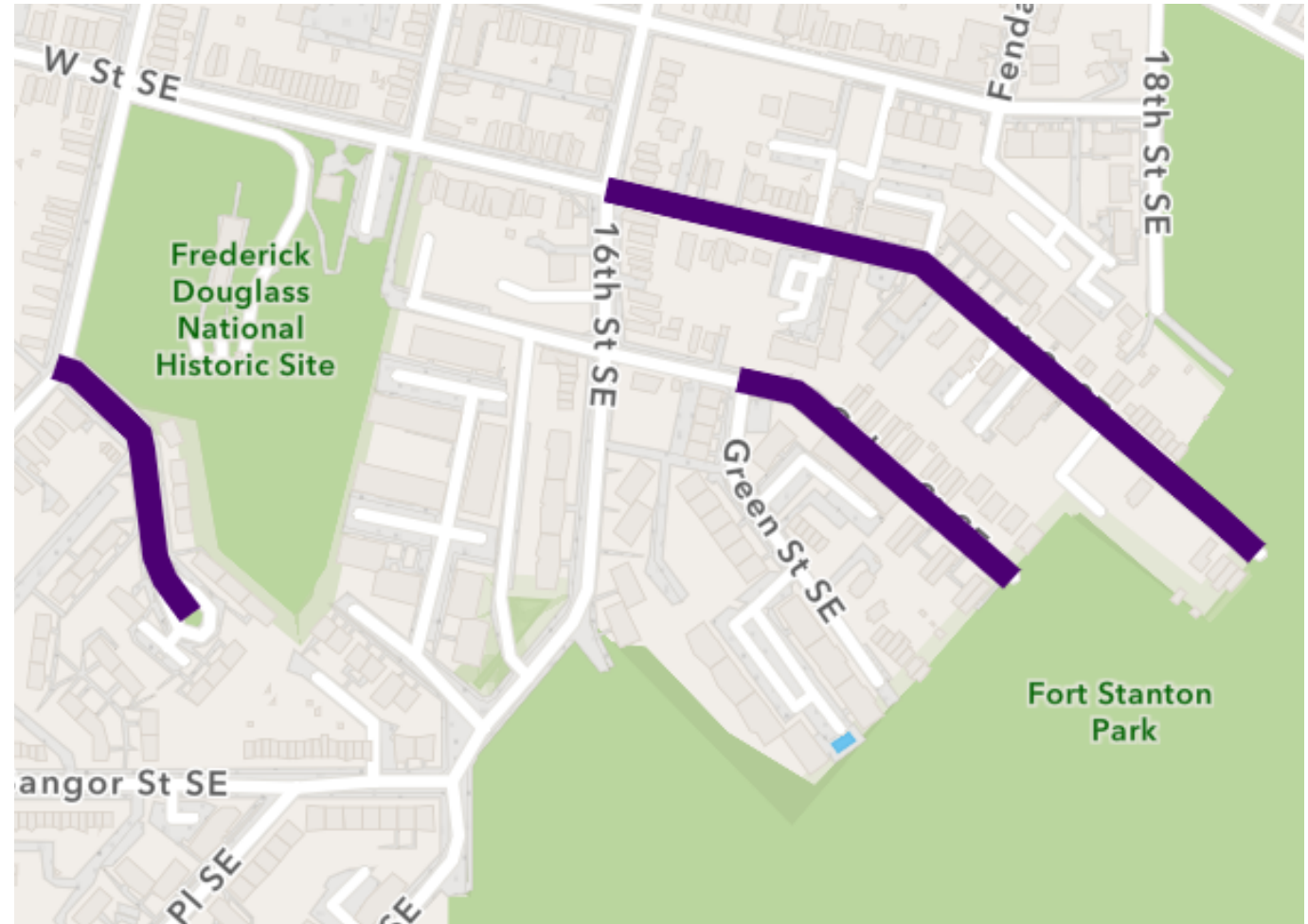
- 1) Violent offenses (homicides, robberies, and assaults with dangerous weapons) where shots were fired; and
- 2) “Sounds of gunshots” calls for service to 911.



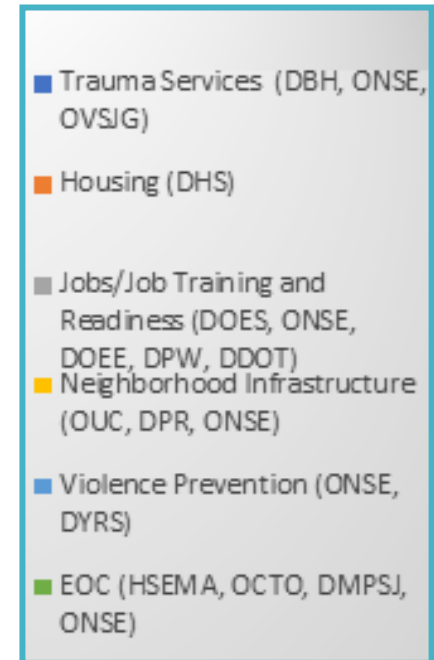
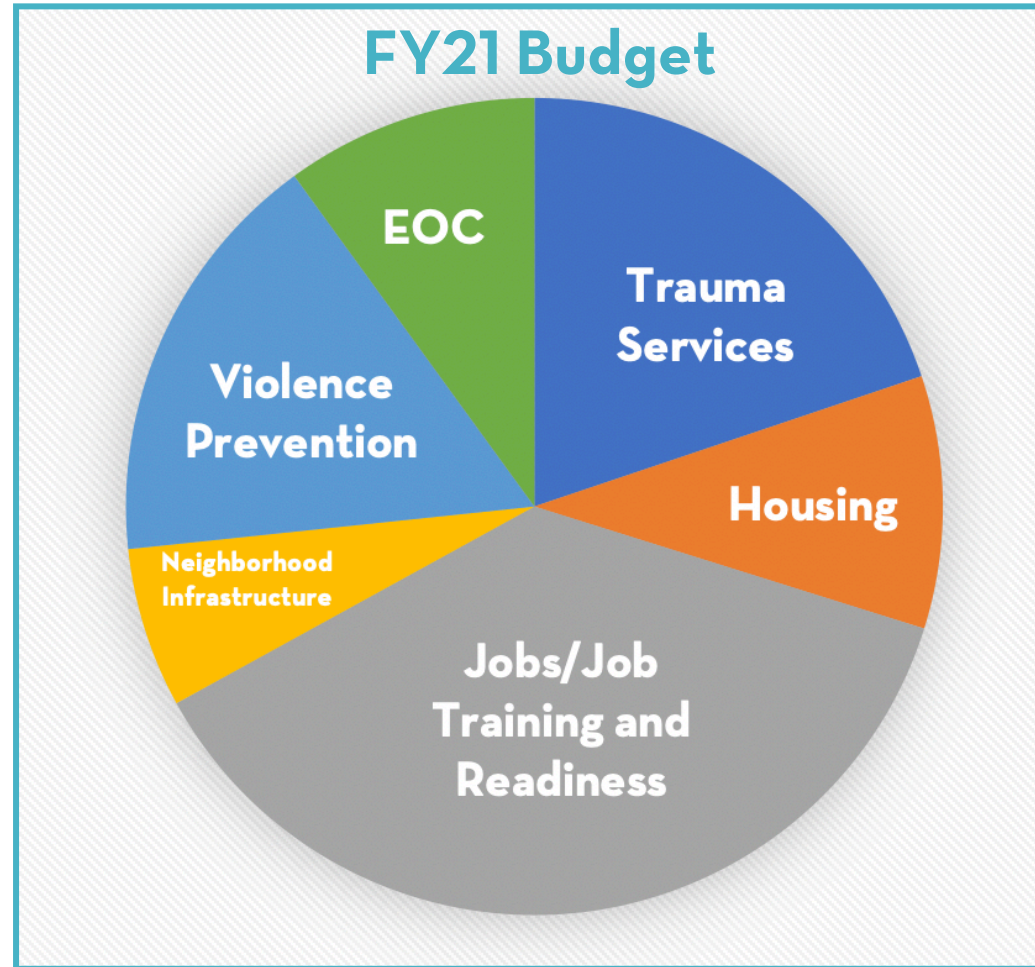
# WHERE WE'RE STARTING

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- Launching the process in Historic Anacostia, through an intense focus on specific blocks.
- Prioritizing area with existing programs like Families First DC, ONSE violence intervention teams, and MPD's Summer Crime Initiative.
- Focusing on these specific blocks will have a positive ripple effect on surrounding neighborhoods.



**\$15**  
**MILLION**  
down payment on  
**reducing gun violence**  
with additional  
funding in FY 2022  
Budget



- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is an adaptive and evolving process.
- Each identified street block and community will have different needs, requiring different approaches.
- The EOC will work across DC Government to meet those varying needs.

**Establish Gun Violence Prevention  
EOC: February 17, 2021**



**Launch the new process in  
Historic Anacostia.**



**Replicate process by expanding to  
additional blocks.**

Convene a group of experts and community leaders to guide methods:

Scientific and Expert Advisory Group Co-Chairs:

Mannone Butler and Rev. Dr. Roger Mitchell, Jr.

Community Advisory Group Co-Chairs:

Tony Lewis and Rev. Donald Isaac

# Working strategically and together we can save lives and build safe neighborhoods across DC by:

- Improving outcomes for people by connecting them to services and opportunities, and managing the sustainment of that connection
- Changing the physical environment by bringing government resources to bear on clear and solvable neighborhood-identified issues, such as removal of trash and abandoned cars, fixing streetlights, and addressing vacant buildings
- Engaging and empowering neighborhoods by partnering with the community to identify solutions

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